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April Meeting Gets Back to Amalgam

Denver Dentist Will Plug Its Virtues

An illustrated lecture, depicting the value of silver amalgam as a lasting restoration material, will be presented by Dr. Miles R. Markley of Denver at the April Monthly Meeting. This meeting will be held in the usual meeting place, the North Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel, on Tuesday evening, April 18, at 8 o'clock. Dr. Kenneth Bignell, Monthly Meeting Program Chairman, has promised that the meeting will get under way promptly.

April 18 is also the date for the annual election of officers, an announcement of which appears elsewhere. Only one slate has been submitted, so there will be no contest.

THE ESSAYIST

Dr. Markley is an instructor in that world-famous Denver Dental Association Study Club, which dental societies everywhere try to emulate. After attending the University of Nebraska and the University of Michigan, he was graduated from the Denver College of Dentistry in 1927. He is Civilian Consultant in Operative Dentistry and Fixed Bridge Prosthesis, Fitzsimons General Hospital accredited Dental Intern Training Pro-

gram. He is Director of the Panhandle Region Study Club, Nebraska. He is a member of the American College of Dentists and of the Woodbury Gold Foil Study Club. In organized dentistry, Dr. Markley has also attained renown. He is a Past-President of the Denver Dental Association and is the Immediate Past-President of the Colorado State Dental Association. He is in great demand as essayist and clinician and comes well recommended.

SILVER AMALGAM

Restorations of silver amalgam can be consistently built for lasting service, according to Dr. Markley. No apology need be made to any patient for them. Projected case histories of typical restorations will introduce the subject, followed by technical instructions for the various situations where their use is indicated. Good silver amalgam fillings are the best "dollar value" in restorative dentistry, and will serve the patient far better than indifferent gold inlays.

The lecture will be liberally illustrated with slides, showing not only the restorations but the mixing procedure and the condensation process.

**THE
CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY**
extends greetings to the
ROTARY CLUB OF CHICAGO

**We wish
the greatest success for your
Mid-Century Business Exposition**



**THE
COMMITTEE ON DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
of the CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY**

is sponsoring an oral cancer exhibit in conjunction with a demonstration x-ray examination exhibit. Chicago Dental Society members, dental auxiliary personnel, representatives of the dental trades and dental laboratories, nurses, physicians, and others wishing to attend the Rotary Exposition may secure admission cards from the attendants at our exhibit on the mezzanine floor.

Exposition hours — 12 noon to 10 p.m.

April 11, 12, 13, and 14

Sherman Hotel

EDITORIAL

CHICAGO'S LOSS, MONTANA'S GAIN

Our Executive Secretary, Russell Hegland, after seven years' service with the Chicago Dental Society, is leaving. He is going to Montana, where he will be the new Executive Secretary of the Montana State Medical Association with headquarters in Billings.

Russ, as he is known to practically every member of the Society, has been a very capable executive secretary. His pleasing personality and willingness to participate in activities far beyond the call of duty have made a lasting impression upon the officers, directors, and committeemen who have worked with him over the years. The writer is, perhaps, in a better position to watch the operations of the inner circle of the dental society than anyone else and knows the range of tact and diplomacy that an executive secretary must possess to serve under a different administration each year. And these qualities Russ has to a marked degree.

We're sorry to see Russ go but, on the other hand, envy him. He is going back home, far from the rush and turmoil of the big metropolis. He will be near the happy hunting grounds where there are game and fish and where he will have a little more time to enjoy it all. We speak for every member of the Chicago Dental Society, and his many friends downstate, when we wish him and his family, Godspeed!!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

Not infrequently as the Primary Elections draw near, comments are heard about the futility of voting in them. "What good will one vote do?" people ask. "Besides, I don't know any of the candidates." It's not hard to find out about candidates; in fact, about all that is necessary is to read the papers. And, as for one vote not counting, numerous cases can be cited where it did. Thomas Jefferson was elected president by one vote in the electoral college, as was John Quincy Adams. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected president by one vote. His election was contested, and it was referred to an electoral commission. Again, he won by a single vote. Just one vote gave statehood to California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

To come down to more recent times, don't forget that the Draft Act of World War II passed the House by just one vote and that in 1944, for instance, one more additional Democratic vote in each of Ohio's 8,800 precincts would have defeated Taft and in 1948, one more additional Republican vote in each of 8,800 precincts would have carried the state for Dewey. How would you feel if the Socialistic State was to be thrust upon you by just one vote? And that isn't so far fetched. Don't let it be said that you failed your country in time of need. Your vote counts.

**1949 was a pretty good year. Dental incomes were at an all-time high. Don't forget the guy that's down!
Contribute to the A.D.A. Relief Fund!**

What Now?

By Frederick T. Barich



The environs of Ithaca, N. Y., were conducive to the ultimate in pheasant and duck hunting. The rolling terrain and excellent cover of the Cornell game farm afforded excellent pheasant shooting while the broad shallow expanses of lower Cayuga Lake, with its innumerable reedy points, attracted the cerulean denizens in large numbers. With shotguns mounting machine gun sights, we leveled our share of these magnificent birds.

The regular fare was far above the usual military standards. As a matter of fact, it approached that of our Hudson River neighbor, West Point. The addition of the fowl and exceptional trimmings intended for visiting Brass transformed the army terms, "chow" or "mess," into "cuisine." To the elected and selected few, which included the popular staff officers and our foursome, this bill of fare was served each evening after the regulars had had their fill. This indeed was something which

was envied by all personnel. It, of course, was an extracurricular activity which had no place in the regular military curriculum.

Every post had at least one guy who had to show authority because single gold bars reposed on shoulder epaulets. One bloke fitted the category to perfection, and so, being generally obnoxious, was left where he belonged,—on the outside. The passive treatment hurt his pride and stung an inflated ego. He became obsessed with a "do something about it" attitude if given the chance. Ultimately that chance came when he received the Officer of the Day assignment. On routine inspection duty, the cook shack came in for extra special attention. With the chef at his elbow, the inspection proceeded normally until the big ice box was reached. Standing with chest buttons tugging at their moorings and pointing finger he queried, "Are those dressed wild fowl regular fare?" With a surprised look on his face, the chef responded, "What wild fowl?" "Those right there!", the officer exclaimed laying a full hand on the barren breasts. "Never saw them before this moment," said the chef. "We'll see about this," shouted the O.D., as he stomped from the kitchen.

The cook shack, being in the immediate proximity of H. Q., was one of the first spots on the O.D.'s agenda on this beautifully brilliant fall New England morning. As this post was rather involved, considerable time had to be consumed by a consummate inspection. Needless to say, "our hero" speeded up the process by moving on the double and failing to notice that pair of malaligned shoes under Joe Blow's bunk or that wrinkled blanket. As quickly as circumstances would permit, he hot-footed it to the Commandant's office. After the usual formalities, he told the colonel in detail about the cook shack incident. His insistence to move at once provoked the C. O. in more ways than one, so grudgingly he performed his duty. With the C. O. and chef in tow, the O. D. opened the cooler door and blurted, "See for yourself!" The space was empty.

By some strange phenomenon, the *corpora delectables* were reposing in a shallow grave behind the mess hall. The shavetail's grave was being dug at the same time but he didn't know it. *Requiescat in pace!*

How the Dentist Can Assist His Patient in Obtaining So-Called Normal Occlusion*

By L. B. Higley†, D.D.S., Iowa City, Iowa

The dentures and the face are so intimately related that in this discussion the terms, "dental" and "dento-facial relationships," will be substituted for the phrase, "so-called normal occlusion." Acceptable dento-facial relationships would be more easily achieved if the dentist were permitted to guide these structures to maturity. Unfortunately, much can happen to these relationships before the child's first visit to his dentist. In fact, the majority of children are not seen until they complain of an aching tooth or the parents have observed that some dental or facial deformity exists.

There are many reasons why most individuals never attain normal dento-facial relationships. These reasons are, of course, referred to as etiologic factors. The dentist must understand these factors leading to abnormal dental and dento-facial relationships and, if he is to render his best service, when an incipient deformity results, he must be able to recognize it as such rather than confuse it with a normal stage of denture or facial growth.

TRUE PREVENTION

All medical and dental service is in a sense preventive in nature, but to practice true prevention is possible only if the cause is eliminated before it can produce an effect. However, all of the etiologic factors leading to dento-facial difficulties are not known, many cannot be or are not detected until an undesirable

change occurs, others are practically unavoidable because inherited, and certain of them do considerable harm before the child is ever seen by the dentist. Since he can do little or nothing about the child's heredity, the dentist can only hope that it will be acceptable and that the mother will have nothing occur that might adversely affect the child during its embryonic and foetal existence.

Although the dentist may have no control over prenatal conditions, he should, at least, take advantage of any opportunity available in the community to impress upon the parents the desirability of his seeing their child as soon as possible after birth. This early visit would be to determine whether any deformity is already present and to give worthwhile advice. For example, most dental deformities are enhanced by dental caries leading to loss of space because of failure to fill or to fill correctly large proximal cavities or of necessary early extraction. The dentist should be able to advise the parents on prevention and control of dental caries through correct nutrition, good general health, impregnation and fluorination of the teeth, and proper operative procedures. It is probably true that many of the same factors that lead to sound, healthy teeth also produce the type of bone that will more adequately resist deformation.

NATURAL PRESSURE FORCES

Another subject upon which the dentist should advise the parents of an infant is that of maintaining natural pressure forces that tend to produce acceptable dental and dento-facial structures and relationships, as well as of avoiding abnormal pressure forces that tend to deform. Naturally, the dentist must first be convinced in his own mind that the size,

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form and relationships of the dental and facial structures are the result of all the forces that act upon them and that of these forces, pressures and tensions are of considerable importance.

For example, in a growth study now being conducted at the State University of Iowa College of Dentistry, it has been observed that those children who habitually slept on their stomachs during infancy and early childhood tend to have narrower heads, jaws and dental arches than would be expected from their hereditary growth potential.

After seeing many children with certain similar dento-facial deformities, it is apparent that abnormal pressures or tensions applied over a sufficient period of time will deform and that such abnormal forces need be applied only intermittently to be effective.

THUMB-SUCKING

A well-known pressure habit which has provoked much controversy is that of thumb-sucking. For example, a mother reported that her child had started sucking his thumb at a very early age and had, it seemed to her, indulged in the practice almost constantly since. As a result, the dento-facial deformity was very severe for such a young patient, and could probably never become self-corrective, even though the thumb-sucking stopped completely, because the lower lip position relative to the upper and lower incisor teeth was sufficient to maintain the deformity or probably make it worse. A deformity of this severity necessitates mechanical treatment to eliminate the deformity and establish correct structural relationships in order to allow growth to proceed as intended by the hereditary pattern. Early advice from the dentist on exercise and correct feeding of the infant might have prevented the acquisition of the thumb-sucking habit. As it happened, the mother was told by the pediatrician to encourage the thumb-sucking as it might add to the happiness of the child and no harm could result

from it. Perhaps this indicates that some pediatricians need more demonstration of the effects of pressure habits. However, in order to decide whether certain habits actually do produce pressures or tensions of sufficient severity to produce deformity of the dental and facial structures and thus dispel the controversy over this matter, the problem should be investigated scientifically. Such research is now in progress.

ANOMALIES

Turning more specifically to the dentures themselves, we find a number of local conditions that may contribute to their deformity. For example, certain teeth may fail to form or supernumerary teeth may be present. If such anomalies are discovered early, a different and perhaps easier and more effective treatment procedure can be instituted than if the condition is not uncovered until the child is older. Most of these conditions can be discovered early only through the use of the roentgenogram. It is, therefore, best for the dentist to advise that all children have a full intraoral dental roentgenographic survey not later than five and one-half or six years of age. By that age, calcification of all but the third molar teeth should have progressed sufficiently to be seen in the roentgenogram even though the child has a retarded dental age.

MISSING TEETH

Exclusive of the third molars, the teeth said to be most frequently missing are the maxillary lateral incisors although the second premolars are certainly a close second and in some population groups hold first place. There may be only a single lateral missing but often both fail to form. In the case of the second premolars, it may be one, two, three, or all four that are missing and in various combinations. When teeth do fail to form, the dentist may advise maintenance of the space for future artificial restorations

or closure of the space by permitting posterior teeth to drift forward after removal of certain primary teeth. Because of a number of observed facts, the preferred treatment is to close the space. The advice usually given is that when only a single tooth fails to form in any quadrant of either dental arch, the necessary procedure is followed to allow closure. If more than one tooth fails to form in a single quadrant of either dental arch, some closure is permitted, the amount being equal to slightly more than the mesio-distal width of a premolar.

The observed facts leading to the selection of space closure as the preferred treatment are:

1. That there is an anterior component of force within the dentures that results in a forward drift of dental units when contact is broken. This means that when a primary tooth having no permanent successor is lost, the teeth posterior to the space will drift forward.

2. That this mesial drift of certain permanent teeth will occur before their eruption into the oral cavity. This is particularly true of the cuspids if the permanent laterals fail to form.

3. That considerable orthodontic manipulation is needed to reopen spaces after mesial drift has occurred.

4. That, if the primary tooth is lost near the usual exfoliation time as is often true, it is necessary to burden the child with some type of artificial appliance if space is to be maintained for a future bridge. This may be for as long as six to eight years since many dentists do not wish to place permanent bridges before the age of eighteen.

5. That most individuals will not have room for all 32 teeth, so that by the recommended amount of space closure room for the remaining teeth may be obtained.

SUPERNUMERARY TEETH

Supernumerary teeth are rarely found in the primary dentures and, if found, are usually erupted. Ordinarily, nothing need be done about supernumerary teeth

in the primary denture unless there are more than one for a given dental arch or they are unsightly. However, in the permanent dentition, supernumerary teeth cannot be tolerated since most people have insufficient room for even the usual number of teeth. Usually a supernumerary tooth causes other teeth to be forced out of position so that it is essential to discover such teeth by early roentgenograms and remove them before any deformity has been produced. The most frequent location of supernumerary teeth is in the maxillary incisor area, especially in the midline. If they are unerupted in the midline and no roentgenograms are taken, they may be confused with an abnormal frenum as the reason for rotated or spaced maxillary central incisor teeth.

Spaced or separated maxillary central incisors is a normal expression of denture growth during and for sometime after the eruption of these teeth into the oral cavity. Early roentgenograms of this area also show these teeth to be divergent previous to eruption. However, as growth of the maxilla proceeds and as eruption of the maxillary laterals and cuspids occurs, the centrals obtain room to correct their axial inclination and at the same time appear to be forced into proximal contact. When the centrals remain separated as the laterals and cuspids erupt, the cause is often attributed to an abnormal anterior labium frenum. Unfortunately, the frenum is frequently accused before the above mentioned growth changes have had a chance to occur and is unnecessarily removed by surgery. Many parents are deeply concerned about this separation of the newly erupted maxillary centrals and may demand that something be done about it. The dentist should then explain that there may be several reasons for this separation that must be investigated but that it is expected as a stage of natural growth. If no cause is discovered that necessitates immediate attention, periodic appointments should then be made and, if the space is not closing as the laterals and cuspids erupt and no other etiologic factor is found, the frenum is undoubtedly the of-

fender and may need to be removed. It has been found best, however, first to bring the centrals into contact by mechanical means and hold them thus for a period of four to six months. If the frenum is not eliminated by atrophy from the resulting pressure, it should be removed surgically. The fact that the teeth have been carried into contact before removal of the frenum eliminates the formation of excessive scar tissue providing the centrals are maintained in proximal contact during the healing process. To remove the frenum before the centrals are carried into contact allows formation of considerable scar tissue which may be as effective in keeping the centrals separated as was the abnormal frenum.

SPACE MAINTENANCE

Early loss of a primary tooth allows other erupted teeth of the same dental arch, especially those distal to it, to drift into the space. Teeth of the opposing arch may also overerupt into this space or, if a sufficient number of posterior primary teeth are lost early, the mandible may be allowed to overclose. This mandibular overclosure or decrease in the vertical dimension may in turn inhibit the growth in height of the ramus. Because of all of this, it is necessary that both horizontal and vertical space be maintained. Metal fixed space maintainers are best where only one or two primary teeth are lost and those remaining will serve as adequate abutments. However, removable all-acrylic plates are often preferred when a number of primary teeth are absent especially if abutment teeth are not available. Ordinarily if the removable space maintainer is worn during the waking hours, it need not be at night if there is fear of displacement during sleep.

Although space maintenance has been strongly advocated for many years and is of prime importance, it seems only right to mention a factor which confuses and complicates the problem but must be considered. This is the size of the teeth

relative to the size of the maxilla and mandible. Some dentists now think that the teeth of many individuals are too large for the bony bases upon which they rely for their support. Because of this they believe it necessary to remove teeth to permit correct alignment, positioning and interdigitation of those remaining. By so doing, it is also claimed that the dentures are healthier and that the best in function and facial esthetics is obtained. If this is true, then it is essential to measure the teeth and bone when contemplating space maintenance. In other words, it would seem unreasonable and possibly embarrassing to place appliances for the maintenance of spaces for certain teeth that later would be indicated for removal.

TOOTH INTERFERENCE

Tooth interference is another condition that must be watched for and prevented or removed early if the dentures and face are to remain in acceptable equilibrium and proceed to adult maturity without deformation. A variety of etiologic factors may be responsible for deflecting certain teeth into positions that cause tooth interference, but once it is produced the teeth of the opposing jaws can become locked in such a way that they continue to aggravate the deformity either by further local distortion or by forcing the mandible to close in a convenience bite. Such abnormal closure of the mandible can swing it to either side of the midline with eventual distortion of the entire face and a characteristic relationship of the maxillary and mandibular denture known as crossbite. Or the mandible may be caused to close too far back giving it an appearance of deficiency, or to close forward with a resulting mandibular prominence.

If tooth interference alone is responsible for such abnormal mandibular positioning, its elimination is usually all that is necessary, especially if it is done early. When it is not corrected early, the ab-

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOMINATIONS FOR C.D.S. OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Nominations for the various offices of the Chicago Dental Society to serve during 1950-51 were closed on March 17. According to Article IX, Section II, of the Constitution and By-Laws, all nominating petitions must be submitted not later than thirty days prior to the annual election. Only one candidate has been nominated for each office, so there will be no contest.

The unopposed candidates are: president-elect, Edwin W. Baumann; vice-president, Robert V. Riemer; secretary, Elmer Ebert; treasurer, Samuel R. Kleiman. Their formal election will take place at the regular April meeting. President-elect Arno Brett will be advanced automatically to the presidency and will be installed at the May meeting.

BRANCH SOCIETIES NOMINATE

The Nominating Committees of the various branches of the Chicago Dental Society have submitted their reports as follows:

Kenwood-Hyde Park: president, John J. McBride; vice-president, A. M. Bressler; secretary, Wayne L. Fisher; treasurer, Jesse R. Carlton; librarian, William L. DeLarye.

North Suburban: president, Harlan L. New; vice-president, O. B. Kibler; secretary, Russell H. Johnson; treasurer, O. E. Scott; director, Chicago Dental Society, H. W. Chronquist.

North Side: president, W. C. Corcoran; vice-president, N. Manley Elliott; secretary, Russell G. Boothe; treasurer, Joseph C. Ambrose; librarian, Walter Nock.

West Suburban: president, W. O. Vopata; president-elect, C. A. Hanson; vice-president, E. P. Hudec; secretary, J. M. Lestina; treasurer, Rudolph Hinrichs; librarian, L. W. McNamara.

WEST SIDE BRANCH ELECTION

The West Side Branch of the Chicago Dental Society held its annual election of officers on March 14. The following were elected to office: president, Adolph F. Stark; vice-president, F. S. Kozlowski; secretary, John J. Reilly; treasurer, Thomas L. DeVito; librarian, Stanley M. Sherman; director, Branch Board of Directors, Robert Tuck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DIRECTORY LISTINGS

The Ethics Committee of the Chicago Dental Society has been receiving complaints relative to the large number of listings in the *Red Book* that do not conform to the "rules of conduct" of the Society. Believing that many such listings are the result of ignorance of the facts rather than a deliberate violation of the code, the Committee calls attention to the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Chicago Dental Society, in meeting assembled, some three years ago.

Omitting the "Whereas" clauses, the resolution reads: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chicago Dental Society shall adopt the following regulations: No member of the Chicago Dental Society shall print or publish or authorize the printing or publication of his name, telephone number, address or information pertaining to practice in any publication or directory distributed within the territorial jurisdiction of the Society, using any conspicuous style or type or wording other than the conventional and accepted type and wording generally in use; nor shall any member use such wording as "Phone for appointment," "If no answer call—," "Hours Daily except Wednesday," or other similar wording

which shall tend to give his announcement visual prominence over other names listed; nor shall any member insert a professional card in newspapers or programs for social, church, school or community events, or any similar media.

"*Provided*, however, that nothing in this resolution shall prohibit a member who holds a certificate in any of the recognized specialties of dentistry, issued by the State of Illinois, from indication in modest type, after his name, the limited practice authorized by his certificate, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any member who uses any listing or announcements contrary to the regulations as provided in this resolution or the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Association, or shall violate any of the provisions of the Dental Practice Act of the State of Illinois, shall be guilty of unethical conduct . . ."

CLEVELAND HOLDS SPRING CLINIC

The Cleveland Dental Society announces its Annual Spring Clinic Meeting, May 1, 2, and 3, at the Hotel Hollenden, Cleveland, Ohio.

This three-day meeting offers the best essayists and clinicians obtainable, rounded out with commercial and visual education exhibits. Time is provided for relaxation, entertainment, and good fellowship.

Make your hotel reservations early at Hotel Hollenden.

CHICAGO NUTRITION ASSOCIATION

The Chicago Nutrition Association is sponsoring a meeting April 6 at 8 p.m., to be held at the Congress Hotel's Casino Room. The speaker will be Carl V. Moore, M.D., Professor of Medicine, George Washington University Medical School. He will speak on, "Isotopes in Iron Metabolism."

Members of the Chicago Dental Society are cordially invited to attend.

SURVEY OF DENTAL PRACTICE

During the month of April, one-fourth of the dentists of the United States—including members and non-members of the American Dental Association—will receive detailed questionnaires as part of a comprehensive survey of dental practice. All dentists who receive the questionnaire are urgently requested to provide the information asked for.

Purpose of the survey is to compile factual data regarding dental practice which can be used in the development of sound and practical dental health programs. Such data is needed particularly to counteract the great amount of misinformation and unsupported propaganda that has been advanced in current debates on schemes for the solution of the nation's dental health programs.

The questionnaire will be in two parts. The first part will request general information about the practice of the individual dentist. The second will ask for specific information on the dentist's practice during the week of April 16 through 22, and will deal with the number of patients treated, the actual number of hours spent in chairside, laboratory and office work, and various treatments provided.

No signature or identification will be required and no information will be released about any individual dentist. In cooperating in the survey, the individual dentist will be making a significant contribution, not only to his profession but for the continued protection of the public.

NEW INDEX AVAILABLE

A new volume of the *Index to Dental Literature*, covering the period between 1945 and 1947, is now available. The publication indexes articles in 144 dental journals in the English language and contains lists of magazines and books on dentistry that were published in the two-year period.

Copies of the book, the 18th volume since 1839, may be obtained for \$10.00

each through the Order Department, American Dental Association, 222 E. Superior Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

DENTAL RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

A new program of dental research assistantships for postgraduate students of chemistry has been announced jointly by the American College of Dentists and the American Dental Association and will be carried out under the direction of the A.D.A. Bureau of Chemistry.

Graduate students selected for the assistantships will be paid a salary from funds made available through a special grant of \$2,500.00 a year from the American College of Dentists and a similar sum allocated by the American Dental Association.

To qualify, students must rank in the upper one-quarter of their class and must have been admitted to graduate study in chemistry at a recognized university in the Chicago area and will also have to be recommended by the head of the chemistry department of their respective school.

The program will get under way sometime this summer. Applications will be accepted from students who will receive their bachelor degree this June, as well as from those who already are engaged in postgraduate studies in chemistry. Those accepting appointments will be required to work part-time on special research projects dealing with dental therapeutics and other projects in the field of dental science.

A.M.A. ESTABLISHES GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The House of Delegates of the American Medical Association, at its meeting in Washington in December, adopted a resolution which proposes the establishment of grievance committees by county and state medical societies. Eighteen medical societies already have grievance committees. These committees hear

grievances concerning alleged improper practices or injustices, most of which have to do with fees.

The establishment of grievance committees permits fair hearings for patients and physicians, wherever the patient has been unable to adjust the matter satisfactorily with his physician. Unfortunately, there have been reports of physicians taking advantage of patients by charging exorbitant fees.

The Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association looks with disfavor on the few members who charge excessive fees. It urges state and county societies to discipline those members who, after a fair hearing and a decision that the fees charged have been excessive, refuse to reduce their fees to a level that is reasonable for the services rendered.

DR. CHARLES SUMNER BIGELOW 1865-1950

Dr. Charles Sumner Bigelow, a member of the North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society, until his retirement in 1945, passed away January 12. He was a life member of the Chicago Dental Society and the Illinois State Dental Society.

Dr. Bigelow was graduated from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery in 1891 and practiced in Chicago for about eight years following his graduation. In 1899, he moved to Evanston, where he practiced general dentistry continuously until his retirement. He took an active interest in his profession and served as secretary of the Chicago Dental Society in 1894. He was appointed to the consulting staff of the Evanston Hospital in 1912, where he served two years. He was president of the North Shore Dental Society in 1918. He gave numerous clinics in and around Chicago and served faithfully on a number of committees. In 1941, the North Suburban Branch of the Chicago Dental Society gave a dinner in his honor in recognition of his fifty years in practice.

Dr. Bigelow was a man of tireless en-

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Proposed Revisions of Constitution and By-Laws

The Board of Directors at a recent meeting reviewed the functions of the various standing Midwinter Meeting committees of the Society in an effort to coordinate their duties and consider their need under the present plan of operation.

Inasmuch as there seems to be no apparent necessity for a ladies' entertainment committee or a social committee, it is the suggestion of the Board that these two committees be discontinued and that the duties of the Entertainment Committee be revised so that it will be solely responsible for the program of entertainment which has been developed during the past few years. The Board of Directors recommends that the following necessary revisions in our Constitution and By-Laws be made to accomplish this change:

1. That the words "Ladies' Entertainment (15)" and "Social (15)" be deleted from Section 3 of Article XIII.

2. That Divisions f and k of Section 3, Article XVII, be deleted and the letters designating Divisions g, h, i and j be changed so that they are in proper sequence.

3. That Division b of Section 3, Article XVII, which reads: "Entertainment: This committee shall have charge of all arrangements pertaining to any benefit performance given during the Midwinter Meeting," be deleted and the following substituted therefor: "Entertainment: This committee shall have charge of all arrangements for any program of entertainment during the Midwinter Meeting."

The Board of Directors requests that the membership approve these revisions in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article VI of the Constitution of the Chicago Dental Society reads as follows: "The Constitution of this Society may be amended . . . by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the active members present at any regular meeting . . . provided that the proposed changes have been presented, in writing at any regular or special meeting, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such action is requested. Such proposed amendments or revisions shall be published in the official magazine of this Society, at least ten (10) days before the time of such meeting."

Plan to attend
the
86TH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
ILLINOIS STATE DENTAL SOCIETY
Abraham Lincoln Hotel — Springfield, Illinois
May 8, 9, 10, 11

NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

NORTH SIDE

It is unfortunate that more of you did not hear Dr. Purinton, for he is gifted with a very unusual delivery. Unusual in that he talks our language, but better. He told us many things, but probably the two most interesting were how to get more returns from one's old prosthetic cases, and how to present fees. I've already paid for my dinner for the past year from the advice given by Dr. Purinton, and I feel many others have, also. It is possible that he will return again, and I hope he does, but if you wish to meet him in the near future, you could attend a South Side Study Group, May 12. . . . Now, about our next meeting, April 3, which is the last for this season. Ed Kirby has arranged a night of Clinics, eight at the present time, and possibly more. . . . It is nice to know that so many men of the North Side are so well informed, for many feel that they can't learn anything at the Telephone Extension Courses. The attendance has dropped off to about 50%. You know that if you gain one little bit of usable knowledge, the time has been well spent, and every one of these meetings have been that good, some much better. Sorry you missed them. . . . Naturally, if your wife has been operated upon, as was Mrs. Harold Oppice; or you become a grandfather on your wedding anniversary, as did "grandpaw" B. Q. Smith, then you should not be showing your nose around a meeting. In fact, B. Q. finds it necessary to go to Ocean Spring, Miss., to recover; or is he going to get the jump on the golfers? . . . Henry Taecker is traveling again, and this time to California for a month. . . . Harry Kent is going West also, but he is going to mix a little "skull work" with Dr. Twedt of Tucson, Ariz. While out there, he is going to look up our old friend, Ray Cooke. . . . Another bit of news of the

West, Colonel Wesselhoeft will be stationed at Kelly Air-Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, come April 1, so his friends better drop him a line. . . . Don't forget, come early to the next meeting, for we will have an election—president, "Corky" Corcoran; vice-president, Manley Elliott; secretary, Russ Boothe; treasurer, "Jo" Ambrose; and librarian, Walt Nock. . . . My apologies to Fred Dattelzweig for giving the credit for the very nice Ladies' Night to Walt Nock. Walt is a very nice guy, but he just didn't do the work. . . . Sorry to learn that Aaron Swartz has had some trouble with an eye infection. Sure hope he licks it soon.—
Robert C. Pond, Branch Correspondent.

SOUTH SUBURBAN

We, of South Suburban, are mighty proud of ourselves. For every meeting to date, our attendance has been about 50% of our membership which, as you know, is something short of phenomenal. The program committee can give itself a pat on the back as being responsible for this. At our last meeting on March 7, we were privileged to hear Dr. Dean McNeil, resident of Cook County Hospital in Oral Surgery, give us a talk on "Hospital procedures." In addition, he showed us some slides on cancerous and precancerous lesions. I, for one, got a great deal out of this talk as I feel that early recognition of cancerous lesions is one of the greatest aids in halting this dreaded disease. Are there any of us who know too much about the subject? Evidently not, for Mike Hughes has gone to the trouble of getting for us at our next meeting, to be held on April 4, Dr. Henry Szujewski of Holy Cross, who will speak to us on "The anatomy of patterns in skin and oral cancer." Also at our next meeting will be the election of officers. . . In the news depart-

ment, we hear that Taylor Bell is down in St. Pete, Florida, and Lloyd Bettenhausen is also going down to the sunny clime for a three-week sojourn. . . . On the sad side, we get belated word that Mrs. Frank W. Tracy passed away while on vacation in the South and the funeral was held down there. Our deepest sympathies to you, Dr. Tracy. . . . We have two new additions to our branch. Dr. Tyk opened an office in Crete, Ill., and Dr. Hannell purchased the office in Blue Island of the late Dr. Carlson. . . . At our last meeting, Mike Hughes brought out the fact that if we can get 25 men to sign up for the University of Illinois telephone course, we might have our own meeting where it would be more convenient for all concerned. . . . That's all for now, and let's hear from you.—*H. C. Gornstein, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTH SUBURBAN

I'm certain there are many more of you fellows who have been on some kind of sojourn than those who are listed below, but we haven't heard about them as yet. However, some lucky fellows did get away from routine. . . . Randall and Mrs. Wescott were "all over" Florida. . . . Corvin Stine, George Ambuehl and A. H. Fuessle were also Florida vacationers. . . . Robert Kent was in Mexico (hope he got some pictures to show all of us). . . . Upon asking Doug Meinig where he was going, he said, "North every night"—(home). . . . L. V. Stephenson took a "Quickie" (T.W.A.—trans watery acres) vacation to Starved Rock. . . . Chuck Mercier and Jim Kennedy are enjoying new homes. The former in Skokie and the latter in Wilmette (N. U. golf course area). . . . Bill Mayer has had a hospital visit and is out again. . . . E. F. Christie had a check-up at the Mayo Clinic (all he needed was new spark plugs). . . . Frank Woods sold his office in Winnetka to A. C. Fonder and has moved to California. . . . The Auto Show helped Milt Dawson for he has a new Plymouth. . . . Zenas Shafer has the newest type golf

clubs (woods) available; they have a built-in swing. This permits one to keep his eye on the cup at all times as the ball sinks in. . . . The next North Suburban meeting will be April 11. The election of officers for the next year will take place at this meeting. The speaker will be Paul A. Edmand and the subject, "Mouth Rehabilitation."—*John C. McGuire, Jr., Branch Correspondent.*

WEST SIDE

We had another wonderful meeting with Paul A. Edmand giving a very informative and most interesting illustrated lecture on "Occlusal Reconstruction in Mouth Rehabilitation." We are very grateful to Paul for this very fine presentation. We were also honored to have as our guest the popular essayist, LeRoy Kurth; and our editor of the Fortnightly Review, Jim Keith. Jim spoke a few words in behalf of the Interprofessional Committee, of which he is chairman. This group consists of dentists, pharmacists, and physicians, and its purpose is to combat the socialistic groups who are trying to control the medical and dental professions. The committee is very active at present to force the issues with the candidates running in the present election. The committee needs money and is asking all dentists to contribute only \$10.00 each for this worthy and important project. Mail your check or money order to the Interprofessional Committee, 30 North Michigan, or to Dr. Joseph F. Porto, 25 East Washington. . . . While we're on the subject of meetings, don't fail to attend our next meeting on April 11, which will be installation night for our newly elected officers. We are also going to have a very fine program featuring our own Dr. Maury Massler, whose subject will be, "Oral Manifestations of the Menopausal Syndrome." I have heard this lecture before and it should not be missed. This is the last formal meeting of the year and it should be one of our best. Come out and meet our new officers. . . . Our new president, Adolph

Stark, is planning a terrific golf outing at Nordic Hills. Keep Wednesday, June 7, open for this great annual outing. . . . Stan Sherman finally took the plane to Miami, Florida. He was mighty shaky for it was his first trip in the air. The boys in his building told him the way to overcome his fright was to take phenobarbital and an extra pair of underwear. . . . Irvin Miller has left to visit his birthplace and relatives in Hannibal, Missouri. . . . Bill Sutchter has developed an osteo in his left thumb and was hospitalized at Passavant. It started with an innocent scratch due to a bur. This is the second time I reported a serious sequela due to cuts or abrasions on the finger. Our other casualty was Art Tessler, who still is not 100 per cent recovered. . . . Lewie Weinshenker was elected president of the Chisclers Club. This is a good fellow organization composed of physicians and dentists. Congratulations, Lewie! You big chiseler. . . . Max and Mrs. Chubin and Phil and Mrs. Lubar of the North Side Branch spent a very enjoyable weekend at Starved Rock. Max said he lost several pounds, but where? . . . Marvin Chapin has opened an office for the practice of oral surgery at 55 East Washington. Good Luck, Marv! . . . Some of the fellows have asked me if I know who picked Nate Potkin's pocket. Everything happens to that guy. . . . Loyola Dental School will have their annual homecoming on April 17-18. There will be a dinner dance at the Walnut Room of the Bismarck Hotel. Mike DeRose is chairman and wishes all alumni to try to be there. . . . I will be happy to hear from you and any news will be happily printed—so call me at MAnsfield 6-7262.—*Irwin B. Robinson, Branch Correspondent.*

KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

Dr. Ben Friedman will be the essayist for the April 4 meeting of Kenwood-Hyde Park. His talk on periodontia will be illustrated with slides and movies and, after the essay, a table clinic will be given to demonstrate the uses of instruments

and drugs. Dr. Friedman should bring to us an evening of great worth. . . . Gramps Libberton is again back in stride. He gave a clinic on full denture construction before the Whiteside Dental Society in Morrison, Illinois. He also appeared before the Beloit Society of Beloit, Wisconsin. . . . President-Elect Bob Kreiner has appointed Stan Wrobel golf chairman. From all reports, all is in readiness for a branch golf meet and Stan will have the tickets at our April meeting. I am sure we in Kenwood will do all we can to make this golf outing a success. . . . President Larry Johnson announces that the May meeting will be devoted to the ladies, and in honoring two of our members who have reached the 50-year mark in the practice of dentistry. Dr. Fred Gethro and Dr. L. H. Flanagan will be our special guests, and appropriate recognition will be given these two fine gentlemen. The May meeting will also see the installation of the new officers. So mark off that date, get out your Sunday-go-to-meeting best, have "Ma" get her hair fixed, and maybe buy her a corsage. She will enjoy being taken to dinner and the fellowship. We will also have as our guests the officers of the Chicago Dental Society. So, all in all, it looks like a big night. For reservations, call Stan Wrobel at PLaza 2-6020. Any news, telephone me at SOutH Chicago 8-1823.—*Elmer Elbert, Branch Correspondent.*

ENGLEWOOD

The last meeting of the branch was extremely well attended—Wallace Kirby, with a talk on "Economics," being the drawing card. The lecture was excellent, practical, and pertinent, as the appreciative comments of the men attested. . . . Dr. Butts, a former Englewood man for a number of years, solved his economic problems very neatly by moving to a 400-acre farm outside of Niles, Michigan, setting up his office in the farmhouse, and having the patients come to his bucolic retreat—which they do, incidentally, in great numbers. So, all you farmers at the

streetcar intersections, there's an idea. Though you certainly leave yourself wide open to the hoary gag of "horse doctor." Everyone was happy to see Ed Glavin at the meeting with the cast off his leg, though still not able to do business at the old stand. . . . Jack McCarthy also showed up for his biennial visit, and definitely committed himself to attend more regularly in the future. His exact words were, "Maybe yes, or maybe no." . . . Jack Thompson recently gave a cozy talk on dentures to a little group of ten thousand people — via the telephone extension course. . . . Earl Wesseliuss conceals in his bosom the inspiration of an Edison, for he recently invented a finger exerciser for piano players. . . . Ben Jostes recently spent two weeks in the hospital and, at present, has an Indiana vacation on his mind. . . . Gus Solfronk is just back from Florida, where he visited his daughter who was married just last January. He brought back a guppy which Bill Shippee, Paul Kancier, and Ed Werre swear was indescribable. I'm not sure whether that last adjective should have quotes around it or not. . . . Bruce and Grant Spooner will be opening another office soon at 104th and Western. . . . Ted Vermeulen reports three study clubs are functioning now and three more are to be organized. The Southwest Study Club for Dentists meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month at 12:30 p.m. on the third floor in the Marquette Bank Building, 6316 S. Western Ave. Solus is president; Krvavica is secretary; and Rabishaw, Jedlowski, and Miller form a 3-man board of directors. You are invited to participate in the interesting program that is available to you through this newly formed study club. . . . Victor Nylander is on the program for the April meeting; his subject being "Operative Dentistry." . . . The May meeting will be Englewood Clinic Night and anyone having an idea or technique he would like to give a clinic on is definitely *persona grata* to the committee. Get in touch with Dr. Devin, COmmodore 4-8585, and don't hide your light under a bushel.—Francis J. O'Grady, Branch Correspondent. (Not Francis J.

Garvey, as given in the March 1 issue, who is a rank interloper, and probably not even licensed.)

NORTHWEST SIDE

Have you ever been on the receiving end of a "scrambled word" telephone conversation? You know, one of those modern wonder devices which mixes up allegedly intelligible conversation into a confused jumble of sound. Your correspondent surely thought he was the victim of just such a diabolical device and was on the point of calling the F.B.I. for a decoder when the mystery was solved. It seems it was only Bob Placek, newly returned from Havana and trying out a strange mixture of guttural sounds which he swears in an affidavit are *bona fide* words of the Spanish language. Personally, we doubt it; no language can be that tortured! Anyway, Bob passed the time of day and also managed to give us an earful on the big party for which he is chairman and Pete Wlodkowski is vice-chairman. The theme of Bob's story might well be: "virtue rewarded," since the party is one planned to do honor to two illustrious members of our profession: Harold Oppice, President-Elect of the American Dental Association, and Bob Wells, Past-President of the Chicago Dental Society. We listened thoughtfully to the spiel, because we are acutely aware of the significant part which Harold Oppice has played in the welfare of all of us by virtue of his many fine contributions of service and leadership to the profession. We have heard that many, many people plan to be present at the dinner party and we, here, would just like to add our small tribute to the guests of honor for services rendered above and beyond the call of duty. . . . The recent disastrous fire which practically wrecked the Medical Center building, at 3403 W. Lawrence Avenue, hit some of our branch members very hard, but also stimulated a fine response in solidarity and cooperation from fellow members of the profession. Six of our own

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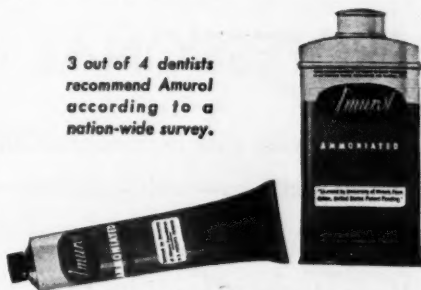
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ergy and usually was at his office at 7:00 or 7:30 in the morning. He was an expert technician and did his own laboratory work throughout his practice. He was respected by all who knew him for his genuine integrity and ethical conduct. He was particularly generous in befriending young dentists and helping them to build up their practices.

Dr. Bigelow is survived by his widow, Lillian; and three children. We extend our most sincere sympathy to them.—
Charles R. Baker.

DR. WILLIAM A. POLLOCK 1894-1949

Dr. William A. Pollock, a member of the Englewood Branch of the Chicago Dental Society, died December 19, 1949. He practiced on the South Side for thirty-two years.

Dr. Pollock was graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in 1916. He is survived by his widow, Maud; and his mother, Mrs. Sara Pollock.

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PATIENT IN OBTAINING SO-CALLED
NORMAL OCCLUSION**

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normal mandibular closing may remain after the interference is removed because the habitual muscular pattern may have become too well entrenched. In such cases, it is necessary to break the muscle habit pattern as well as to eliminate the tooth interference.

There are many other etiologies leading to dento-facial deformities and methods of preventing or correcting incipient deformity, but all cannot be discussed here.

In conclusion, it may be said that, if the dentist wishes to assist his patient in obtaining pleasing and efficient dento-facial relationships, he must first know the normal stages of denture and facial growth in order to discriminate between them and deformity. Then, he must know the etiologies leading to incipient deformity and be prepared to cope with the cause and reduce or eliminate the effect.

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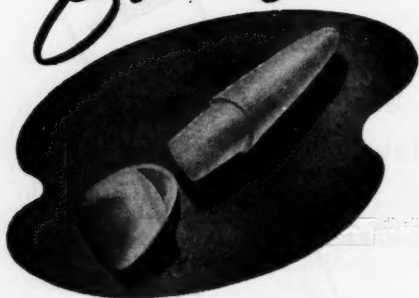
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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

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branch members were burned out but, according to the information I've received, all six have obtained temporary refuge and working space with other practitioners, as follows: David Ascher is now carrying on in the offices of A. Tamarin at 3460 W. Lawrence Avenue; Samuel Goffen was taken in by Belden Armand at the same location; Alter Druckeroff has squeezed in with Sam Perlman at 3507 Lawrence Avenue; E. C. Dolnick, H. L. Lorange, B. Field and A. H. Stein, also victims of the fire, have all been relocated in temporary quarters, according to our information, but we do not have their new addresses at this time. . . . Our branch's Annual Ladies' Night affair is under the chairmanship of Herman Wenger, Councilman to the Illinois State Dental Society. Herman is also now in his second term as president of the Germania Club. The extracurricular activities of some of our boys continue to reflect credit on our branch. Our own Ed Rosenberg, past commander of the Albany Park branch of the American Legion and holder of many other high ranking offices in that

organization, has recently been elected Commander of the entire 9th District of the Legion, comprising some 46 posts in N. W. Cook County, having a total membership of about 10,000, which gives Ed quite a brood to supervise, but he has what it takes to do it. . . . Another extracurricular exploit: Morrie Fox who paints (not houses, but real art!) has recently had an exhibition of his work at Riccardo's bistro. . . . We continue to be amazed at the beaver-like industry exhibited by Ed Friedrich, who has taken on work at the Zoller Clinic five mornings a week, doing work on the psychological aspects of children's dentistry. Ed is also a reserve Commander in the U. S. Navy and has just been called for his two-week refresher duty. So, Ed will spend his "vacation" at Great Lakes Naval Station! . . . We have just learned of the dual loss suffered by August Pecaro, whose mother passed away, to be followed four days later by his brother, Joseph. Our deepest sympathies are extended to August. . . . Sam Kuznetsky has gone on a month's vacation down at Miami Beach. Meanwhile, his son, Earl, is taking charge of his pater's practice. (That's the way to raise sons!).—J. S. Lebow, Branch Correspondent.

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